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Via ECF

MEMO ENDORSED

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Carmelo Velez et al.*, 19 Cr. 862 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caproni,

I, with Jacob Mitchell, represent Emmanuel Bonafe in the above-referenced matter. I write pursuant to the Court's Order dated November 10, 2020 regarding the status conference currently scheduled for December 10, 2020. On November 19, 2020, I informed the Court through a letter motion that Mr. Bonafe joined in the then-pending motion to adjourn the December 10th conference but that if the conference went forward on December 10th, Mr. Bonafe would like to personally appear at the conference. *See* ECF No. 256. On November 20, 2020, the Court issued an order denying the motion to adjourn the December 10th conference for the majority of Mr. Bonafe's co-defendants and setting a separate conference date for Mr. Bonafe, so that he could appear *via* video conferencing, on December 14, 2020. *See* ECF No. 266. I now write to advise the Court that Mr. Bonafe has knowingly and voluntarily consented to waiving his appearance at the December 10th conference and consents to appearing through counsel.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court cancel the additional conference scheduled just for Mr. Bonafe on December 14th and permit counsel to appear for Mr. Bonafe at the December 10th conference. I thank the Court for its time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Valerie A. Gotlib

cc: All counsel of record (*via* ECF)

The status conference currently scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. is hereby CANCELLED. Counsel for Mr. Bonafe must join counsel for Mr. Bonafe's co-defendants at the status conference on **Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 11:00 A.M.** Counsel for the parties and any interested members of the public must attend by dialing 1-888-363-4749, using the access code 3121171, and the security code 0862. All attendees are advised to mute their phones when not speaking and to self-identify each time they speak. Recording or rebroadcasting the proceeding is strictly prohibited by law.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Caproni".

Date: November 30, 2020

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE